

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

March 25, 2016:

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups & Individuals

This Notice is related to Federal assistance provided in response to the Presidentially-declared disaster, Superstorm Sandy. This is to give notice that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has determined that the following proposed action under the Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Program, developed by the state to provide reconstruction, rehabilitation, and elevation assistance to homeowners of low-to-moderate income who were impacted by Superstorm Sandy, is located in the 100-year floodplain. DCA will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and analyzing the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C, Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

Project Description

Application ID number: LMI0001673R

The proposed project is located at 14 West 3rd Street, Moonachie, Bergen County, New Jersey

This proposed project involves the reconstruction and elevation of one manufactured housing unit (MHU) located at 14 West 3rd Street, in Moonachie, Bergen County, New Jersey (portion of Block 62, Lot 2). The MHU, built in 1974 based on insurance records on file with the mobile home park management office, comprises a total of one unit which was damaged as a result of Superstorm Sandy. The applicant proposes to replace their current storm-damaged MHU, which will be demolished, with a new unit and install it on the currently-occupied concrete pad. Elevation of the entire MHU is also proposed. A concrete masonry unit (CMU) foundation sill up to 6 feet high will be built on the existing pad to elevate the new MHU. The entire project area occupies one mobile home park lot that measures an estimated 20 by 60 feet or approximately 0.0275 acres and is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone AE, as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) number 34003C0254G dated September 30, 2005.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public education tool. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by DCA on or before April 11, 2016, or fifteen (15) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later. DCA encourages electronic submittal of comments at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to: Laura Shea, Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800.

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New Jersey Department of Community Affairs